

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PLASTIC PIPE MANUFACTURED AND SOLD BY CENTURY PLASTICS, a/k/a CENTURY PIPE COMPANY, CENTURY UTILITY PRODUCTS, AMDEVCO, AND AMDEVCO PRODUCTS INC.	DOCKET NO. INU-95-2
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ORDER TERMINATING REPORTING REQUIREMENT

(Issued February 15, 2000)

On October 20, 1995, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order initiating an investigation for the purpose of identifying and investigating all rate-regulated and municipally-owned gas utilities that had installed plastic pipe manufactured by Century Plastics (Century). MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) had indicated that it was replacing its Century pipe because the pipe had a tendency to develop stress cracks and was not performing as expected.

The Board concluded the investigation after determining that MidAmerican and IES Utilities Inc. (IES) were the only utilities that had installed Century pipe. Both utilities filed plans with the Board that detailed procedure for removal and maintenance and repair of the pipe. On January 30, 1996, the Board directed both utilities to file quarterly reports until the replacement of pipe and fittings was completed.

On November 6, 1997, MidAmerican filed a report stating that all of its known pipe, approximately 307 miles, had been replaced. On May 26, 1999, IES filed a

report stating all known pipe had been replaced. Both utilities stated if any unknown pipe is discovered, they will replace it. In reviewing IES's data, it appears IES cannot account for approximately three miles of pipe. IES stated it believes some was sold for non-utility purposes and some may have been removed when two small towns were repiped in 1993 and 1994. However, there are no supporting records.

The Board will not require the utilities to continue filing quarterly reports. Both IES and MidAmerican have conducted extensive investigations and believe all pipe has been removed. The Board will direct MidAmerican and IES to report to the Board and immediately remove any pipe that is discovered in the future.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The requirement that the utilities file quarterly reports established by the Board on January 30, 1996, in Docket No. INU-95-2, is terminated.
2. If any additional plastic pipe manufactured by Century Plastics is discovered, MidAmerican Energy Company and IES Utilities Inc. shall immediately notify the Board and remove all pipe.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of February, 2000.